

xi, 15-17 is the story of the second time that he drove the traders from his Father's house. There are some things against which the Christian will hurl himself with all of his power. In the work of the church he will firmly defend pure doctrine and right living and openly condemn that which is contrary to that "is written." In the state he will earnestly work and vote for the carrying out of the teachings of the Gospel and for the common good. He will seek to have right laws and look to the honoring of God's name and authority. He will not quietly sit by and see God's house an unmolested den of thieves.

"And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go. And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates, have sent to let thee go: now therefore depart in peace. But Paul said unto them, they have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and they have cast us into the prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? Nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out." Acts xvi, 35-37

But Paul said I am a man which am a "Jew of Tarsus a city of Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and, I beseech thee, suffer me to speak to the people." Acts xxi, 39. In these two cases and others that could be named Paul gains a victory for the cause of Christ by asserting his right as a citizen and maintaining his Christian manhood. When he had been publicly put in prison and God had opened its doors it was then time for Paul to say, "Let them come themselves and fetch us out." He was put in publicly and now he must go out publicly, or else leave the impression that he was anxious to sneak away from danger. He honored God in making this demand and magnifies His power.

He is willing to say that he is a "citizen of no mean city" for the sake of an opportunity to speak to the people his message. The Christian is a member of God's kingdom and should honor his citizenship.

Whenever you deceive yourself you do something that angels would like to undo.

LIVING WORDS, OR WHAT IS TRUTH.

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I would much prefer some of our eloquent Brethren or sisters would do my share of writing on the subject I have been trying to write about from time to time. Yet as God calls the most humble in this life to love him, I may have a work to do for him. And that we may encourage each other in the right, let us do as Peter said "Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with you. And I think it is right as long as I am, 2 Peter i, 12, 13, in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

I cannot separate the expressions justified by faith, and saved by the blood of Christ, from Christ's teachings any where in the testament and draw a line between them. I can hold them up as the medium of our spiritual lives, ever pointing us toward God and his word. They are the central and overruling power, yet they—this faith and blood of Christ—are encircled in all of Christ's truths. Christ himself being the chief corner stone, although so very precious, can become a stone of stumbling. "For they stumble at the word." 1 Pet. ii, 8. (References are given from revised version.)

Christ says, "Lo, I am come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do thy will, Oh, God." Heb. x, 7.

If God's will had been merely for those who would become his children to believe, it is evident Christ never would have lived out his teachings; but would have become a great King to perform wonderful miracles only to get sinners to believe, then offered himself on the cross. All who are familiar with Christ's life while on earth know he lived out his own teachings, and his command to the disciples was always "follow me,"

He did not add to those loving words "In your mind."

How can anyone with an unbiased mind read the Gospel without seeing there is life in Christ's truths. Please read a few references. "For the word of God is living and active" Heb. iv, 12. "A new and living way." Heb. x,

20. "Tasted the good word of God." Heb. vi, 5. "The word of truth the Gospel of your salvation." Eph. i, 13. "The Gospel, the power of God unto salvation." Rom. i, 16,

"For in Christ Jesus I begat you through the Gospel." 1 Cor. iv, 15. "Having been begotten through the word of God." 1 Pet. i, 23, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." St John viii, 32. "The law was given by Moses but grace and truth by Jesus Christ."

"My word is truth" John xvii, 17. I am the way, and the truth, and the life." John vi, 6.

We accept the way, and the truth, through faith, the blood is applied and we receive life thereby. Now since Christ and his truths are inseparable, what ought we to do but find out what his truths are. Oh, my brother, my sister, do we want as little of the truth as possible, when each truth contains life? No, no. But all we can get. These truths embrace all of Christ's teachings that can be taken literally. We should never willingly and premeditatingly slight one of them.

Will some good brother please tell us when Christ called even the Gospel holy communion an ordinance? I like best to hear them called Christ's teachings, or truth. Also, when one church accepts a part of the truth as established church rules, or doctrine, does that dedicate these truths to that church only, and make them any less Gospel for others?

As much as I love the Brethren church I love Christ's truths more. And if I see believers in other denominations accepting some truths, we perhaps had not noticed closely as we should, I think it is our duty to accept them—not to take the place of the blessed truths we have accepted but to go with them.

It may be to make a more earnest effort to spread the Gospel, to lift up the fallen, relieve the afflicted, not withhold from God financially that which belongs to him.

Trust Christ and his precious promises to us more; accepting him as a personal Saviour to guide us each day. Yet ever stand firm in the doctrinal truths as once delivered to the saints.

Will any reader say the Brethren